

Pension Application for John Woodard

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Steuben SS

On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Steuben now sitting John Woodward an resident of the Town of Jersey in the said County of Steuben and State of New York aged seventy one years and six months who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born on the 28th day of April in the Year 1761, at Livingston's Manor in Hudson and that when deponent was quite young his parents removed to the town of Warwick Orange County New York and that soon after this deponents father died and his mother & family removed to New Concord in Columbia County New York and resided then at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that about the fall of the year 1776 or 7, it being the same fall that Burgoyne was taken and immediately before he was taken, this deponent stood Centry [Sentry] watching for tories who were deserting to and communicating with Burgoyne's Army then lying between Ticonderoga & Albany. That this deponent & others stood guard as aforesaid for about the space of two weeks at night at the instance of Maj Philip Frisby.

That about July and deponent thinks in 1778, this deponent volunteered with Capt Josiah Warner of the New Concord and was attached to as Regiment commanded by Majors Beebe and Philip Frisby and marched as a guard to Albany to attend as such guard at Execution of Seven persons at Albany.

That they were at said Executions at Albany & while there an alarm reached there that the Indians had broke out at Johnstown whereupon the regiment to which deponent was attached then commanded by Maj Burke & some of the Regiment commanded by Maj Glover were marched to Johnstown, that soon after they reached Johnstown—and express arrived stating that the Indians had besieged Cherry Valley whereupon as deponent was informed & believes Majors Beebe and Glover cast lots to ascertain which should go to Cherry Valley and soon; after Major Beebe marched his Regiment (deponent being still belonging to the same) to Cherry Valley, when they got there all was peaceable quartered at Cherry Valley near one month, while there deponent was out occasionally upon scouting parties, another Regiment came to the relief of Maj Beebe and deponent & the residence of his Regiment returned home having been out full one & and[sic] half months on this tour.

About one month after deponents return from Cherry Valley Major Beebes Regiment again marched to Cherry Valley and deponent went in said Regiment in the Company Commanded by Capt John Salsbury of Spencertown of Columbia County New York, that at Cherry valley they built a Fort, called Fort Beebe. That after they

had been at Cherry Valley about one month they were joined by a Continental or Yankee Regiment commanded by Col Ogden or Olden. That deponent remained in service at this time two months and there being discharged at the Mohawk River. Deponent returned home to Concord having been relieved at Cherry Valley by a Regiment commanded by Col John McKinster of Nobletown Columbia Co. New York.

That immediately after deponents return he enlisted with Capt John Smith of Kinderhook for three months his company being called Rangers. That deponent was elected 2d Seargeant of said Company and served out his full tour of three months in said company. That in this service deponent & some other members of said Company took one tory near Kinderhook by the name of Taylor, who was soon after hung at Albany. Major Glover was in Company with deponent at the taking of said Taylor—after serving this tour out deponent went home and remained there till the following spring. In the month of March 1779 deponent enlisted in and joined the Continental Army at Albany under Capt John N. Hamtrammack, in Lewis Dubois' Regiment, Genl James Clintons Brigade—marched from Albany to Johnstown remained there while & then marched to Schenectady then took boats and went by water to Canajoharie [Canajoharie]. There drew the boats in waggons to Lake Otsego, went near half way down Lake Otsego and were there detained about ten days by head winds, they then proceeded to the foot of the lake and remained there about one month & built a dam across the foot of the Lake and raised the waters of the Lake & by these means were enabled by letting the water off to pass down the outlet of the Lake with their boats & thus proceeded to Tioga Point in Pennsylvania at which place they found Genl Sullivan's Army.

About two days after their arrival at Tioga the army (excepting? near two thousand) marched north and at Chemung near NewTown they had an engagement with the Indians, from thence they continued north and passed between the Seneca and Cayuga Lake & on north towards the Genesee River where near Coniscius Lake Col Boyd belonging to Sullivan's Army was killed by the Indians Army was killed by the Indians while on a scouting party they proceeded two or three miles north of the Genesee River & from there they marched by back on same route they went until they arrived at the foot of the Seneca Lake at which place deponent and others were detached from Main Army and marched up on the east side of the Cayuga Lake under the command of one Col Butler and met the main army at or about ten or fifteen miles south of the head of the Seneca Lake.

Just before they came up a great number of horses belonging to the army had been killed for the reason as deponent was informed that they could not well get on; with them;, from this place they continued on to Tioga Point and there joined the two thousand men left from there they marched to Wilkesberre? in Pennsylvania, deponent and others were then sent ahead of the army and repaired the road through the big swamp they then; marched on to restore from there to Warwick & Morristown and were Inspected by Genl Washington at or near Morristown, they then marched to Baskenridge and soon after in January deponent was discharged having served out his said tour of nine months. His discharge was signed by Capt James Stuart.

Deponent went home and remained there until the next fall when he was called out by Col Asa Waterman in Capt Josiah Warner's Company on an alarm that the Indians were burning and destroying along the Mohawk River, had a fight with the Indians at a place called Stone Robby or Stone Raby or a name something like them—was out at this time not far from one month—and deponent further says that the whole time he was in actual service in the Revolution was something over seventeen months.

That he never received any written discharge except the one above mentioned and that is lost or destroyed.

That he knows of no documentary evidence (in his power) of his services in the Revolution.

That he knows of no person living near him or in this country who can testify to the rendition of the aforesaid services.

That he has a record of his age in his bible at home.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

That about three years after the close of the Revolutionary War this deponent removed from; New Concord to Black Walnut bottom, Luzerne County Pennsylvania, remained there a few months & then removed to Newtown Tioga County New York. That two years afterwards he removed to Fredericktown Steuben County and that he now lives in the town of Jersey, Steuben County & State of New York and has resided there for six years or more.

That he is well acquainted with Elder David Bartley Esquire of the town of [Urbana?] Steuben County New York and also with Abraham Fleet and Genl William Kernen who can all testify to his good character. (Signed) John Woodward

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. M. L. Rumsey Dep
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